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COMMENT OF
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Russia States
Her Position

SIR Anthony Eden's broad-
east and the Soviet note
accepting the invitation to
the Suez Canal talks make
one thing fairly certain
if any unanimity is reached
at the London conference it
will merely be on the point
of agreeing to disagree.

Russia has made unmis-
takeably plain the position she
is going to take. She will
insist on acceptance of
Egypt's sovereignty rights
over the canal, recognition
of the legality of Col
Nasser's nationalisation of
the Suez Canal Company,
and denial of the necessity
of creating an international
agency to control and
administer the waterway.
In other words, Russia has
decided to become the
mouthpiece of Nasser at the
conference.

The British position has been
stated firmly, but without
bombs by the Prime
Minister. Firstly the canal,
although it runs through
Egyptian territory, is an
international waterway and
must remain so; secondly
nationalisation of the com-
pany is an act of seizure
and cannot be accepted;
thirdly use of the canal's
revenues for purely national
ends cannot be tolerated;
fourthly it is a waterway
which must be inter-
nationally controlled in
the interests of the world's
maritime powers.

THESE are the essentially
conflicting viewpoints
which will confront the
conference in London and
they appear to be pretty
well irreconcilable. A com-
promise, even if desirable,
is not easy to discern.
A majority vote in support
of the British case is probable,
but whether its moral force
would be sufficient to
persuade Egypt to abandon
her sovereignty claims to
the canal is doubtful.

It will probably be Russia's
design to split the con-
ference sufficiently as to
force the dispute before
the Security Council, where
of course she could apply
the veto to any proposed
settlement which did not
conform to her ideas.

The Western powers have
acted with complete
correctness in calling the
24-nation conference. It is
a manifestation of the desire,
and so far as it is possible,
the intention to settle the
dispute without recourse
to force. This should have
a strong influence on the
so-called neutrals who
obviously expect to play a
prominent part in the dis-
cussions. Nevertheless, they
must also realise that Brit-
tain and the Common-
wealth, as well as France,
are not prepared to concede
to Egypt anything more
than her legitimate rights.

Internationalisation of the
canal through the creation
of an international agency
is, from the British view-
point, essential. Anything
short of that will be un-
acceptable.

A Fascinating New Puzzle

A fascinating new puzzle joins the star-studded
Saturday China Mail — don't miss it. All the family will
enjoy solving it.

Beginning tomorrow NAMESAKES will appear in the China
Mail daily. If you're good at general knowledge you'll shine at
it. If not, don't worry. The clues will see you through.

This is only one highlight of the China Mail's week-end spread,
the family favourite with the best newspaper reading in the
Colony.

Here are some others:

★ Don Iddon says Hollywood is just a big "slave market".
Even stars are treated cold-bloodedly, ruthlessly.

★ Chapter two of "The rise and fall of Curtis-Bennett" by
Leonard Mosley.

★ The first full story of the Paris Autumn fashion show,
released only a few days after the opening.

There are all your regular favourite features as well including
Jane Roberts' film reviews, three pages of overseas and local pic-
tures, cartoons, comic strips, special sections for women, children
and sportsmen, Gipsies and many others — all in the China Mail.

IKE CALLS MEETING ON SUEZ

REPUBLICAN & DEMOCRAT
LEADERS INVITED

BIPARTISAN POLICY LIKELY

Washington, Aug. 9.

President Eisenhower late today called in Republican
and Democratic leaders of Congress to confer with him on
Sunday on the Suez crisis.

Earlier it had been planned to have the discussion at the State De-
partment, but Mr Eisenhower gave the meeting added importance by
shifting its scene to the White House and including himself as a partici-
pant.

The text of the White House
announcement was: "The Presi-
dent has invited the bipartisan
leadership of Congress to a meet-
ing on the Suez Canal situation
at the White House at noon
on Sunday.

The Secretary of State, Mr
John Foster Dulles, the Vice-
President, Mr Richard Nixon
and Admiral Arthur Radford
will also be there.

Grave View

"This is the briefing session
for the Congressional leaders
scheduled earlier today to be
held on Sunday at the State
Department.

"The President after consulta-
tion late this afternoon with Mr
Dulles decided it was appropri-
ate to have the meeting at the
White House.

"Those invited include Senate
majority leader Johnson,
Senator George (Democrat
Georgia) minority leader Know-
land, Speaker Rayburn, minority
leader Malley and members of
the Foreign Relations Committee
in the Senate, Foreign Affairs
Committee in the House and
Armed Services Committees of
both Houses."

This announcement came only
a few hours after the State
Department announced that Mr
Dulles had called the meeting
of political leaders.

The effect of the White House
decision is that by transferring
the meeting from the State
Department to the President's
office and announcing that he
would preside at it himself.

President Eisenhower has ex-
pressed his personal sense of the
gravity of the Suez situation.

Before the White House an-
nouncement informed sources
had said Mr Dulles did not
plan to ask the leaders for
standby authority to use force if
the forthcoming 24-nation Lon-
don conference on the Suez
Canal failed to reach a settle-
ment.

There was no indication Mr
Eisenhower had any other plans
along these lines. However,
Administration leaders may
sound out the Congressional
leaders' views on possible
US moves as guidance for Mr
Dulles at the London meeting.

Authoritative sources said
Mr Dulles was particularly
anxious to find out whether
Democratic and Republican
Party leaders believed the
United States should apply
economic pressure and endorse
the use of force by the British
and French if internationalisa-
tion attempts failed.

These sources said Mr Dulles
intended first to give Con-
gressional leaders a comprehen-
sive outline of the situation,
including latest developments.
He will emphasise the extreme
gravity with which he and Presi-
dent Eisenhower view the
seizure of the Canal by Egypt.

Congress Support

He wants the opinions of the
legislators as to just how far
the US should go in backing
the British and French if Lon-
don and Paris decided on
decisive action after a con-
ference failure.

It was also considered pos-
sible he would sound out Con-
gressional leaders on their atti-
tude toward a special session of
Congress to deal with America's
position in the affair if matters
should come to a point where
President Eisenhower would
want standby authority from
the legislators to use force if
necessary—authority similar to
that granted the chief executive
by Congress early in 1955 with
respect to Formosa.

The Congressional leaders
who will attend the meeting on
Sunday cannot commit Con-
gress to any course. However,
they can give Mr Dulles a very
accurate idea of what the whole
Congress would be willing to
support in the way of American
action and policy on the Suez.
This assessment he is anxious
to have before he starts for
London.—Reuter and United
Press.

Franco-British
Meeting Planned

Paris, Aug. 9.
French and British Chiefs-of-
Staff will meet tomorrow in
London, it was disclosed tonight.
French Admiral Henri Nemy,
Chief-of-Staff of the French
Fleet, and Pierre Barlot, Com-
mander-in-Chief of the Toulon
Squadron will represent the
French naval forces.

Liaison officers of the French
Air Force will also attend.
The Army will be represented
by General J. Bauffre, at present
a commander in Algeria. It is
understood General Bauffre may
be appointed to the Joint Franco-
British General Staff, now in
formation.—France-Press.

'Liberation Army'
To Be Set Up

Paris, Aug. 9.
The Egyptian President, Colonel
Nasser today signed a decree,
ordering the formation of a
"National Army of Liberation,"
Radio Cairo announced.

The new army, which is
distinct from the regular
Egyptian army, will be com-
posed of the "National Guard"
and volunteers between the
ages of 18 and 50, Radio Cairo
added.

News of the creation of the
new force was broadcast several
times over Radio Cairo tonight,
to the accompaniment of martial
music.—France-Press.

British Families
Leave Egypt

Cairo, Aug. 9.
Nine women and children
of British technicians employed
by the Shell (Oil) Company left
here by air tonight.

They were the first group to
make use of the emergency air
ferry organised by the British
Government to evacuate
families from Egypt.—France-
Press.

Britain
To Reject
Soviet
Proposals

London, Aug. 9.

Britain will categorically
reject the proposals made
by the Soviet Union today
in reply to a Big Three in-
vitation to the Suez Canal
conference, authoritative
sources said.

They said there was no ques-
tion of postponing the confer-
ence till the end of the month
or enlarging it to include China
and 20 other nations proposed
by the Soviet Union.

China was not qualified to
attend because it did not sign the
Constantinople Convention of
1888, the sources said.

Authoritative quarters denied
the view of the Soviet Union
that the conference would
violate the United Nations
Charter.

Chief Reason

The talks would conform
with the United Nations
principle of seeking a peaceful
negotiated settlement of inter-
national disputes, these quarters
added.

They said this was the chief
reason why the talks should
not be postponed as proposed
by the Soviet Union.

These quarters agreed with
the Soviet view that partici-
pation in the conference did not
mean acceptance of the Big
Three's statement on the Suez
situation.

But the conference will be
concerned solely with inter-
nationalising the Suez Canal and
no opposite proposals will be
discussed, these quarters added.
—France-Press.

Wants Invitation

Berlin, Aug. 9.
East Germany "insists as a
user of the canal" on being in-
vited to the London Suez con-
ference, the Prime Minister's
Press Office announced tonight.
The announcement, quoted by
the official news agency Adn,
said it was all the more neces-
sary for East Germany to be
invited since the invited West
German Government offered "no
guarantee" that it would take
account of "the will of the
German people" for a peaceful
settlement.—Reuter.

23 SENTENCED
TO DEATH

Durban, Aug. 9.
Twenty-three Zulu tribesmen
were sentenced to death in one
of South Africa's biggest mass
trials today for murdering five
police men during a drug traffic
raid in the Drakensberg moun-
tains.

The presiding judge was told
how the police were battered
to death after stumbling on to
a huge valley filled with cultiva-
ted marijuana.

He said armed Zulu
warriors were summoned to a
hilltop by a bugle call, and
they charged at the policemen
with sharp spears.—United
Press.

\$18,000 Reward For
Capture Of Terrorist

Penang, Aug. 9.

Penang Police today placed a price of \$18,000 on the
head of Ooi Gunn Hoh, a terrorist believed to be the head
of a Communist organisation on Penang island.

Ooi is said to boss a 44-man
killer squad which stays in the
hills of central Penang.

Police also offered a similar
reward for the capture of Ah
Cheng, Ooi's opposition number
in Province Wellesley, on the
mainland.

Both are district committee
members of the Communist
Party and the rewards are part
of a general offer of more than
\$50,000 for the capture of ter-
rorists now on the run.—Reuter.

5-Point Policy

London, Aug. 9.

A new five-point policy for
Malaya has been proposed in a
pamphlet on Malaya published
by the movement for colonial
freedom.

The movement proposed "as a
basis for peace" that an end be
negotiated to fighting against
Communist insurgents, that the
emergency regulations be
abolished, that Singapore and
the Federation be reunified,
that there should be elections
on a universal adult suffrage
to a fully elected assembly, and
that a date be fixed for self-
determination.

The pamphlet stated that
Malaya's economy was much
too narrowly based on rubber
and tin, and was therefore at
the mercy of world price
fluctuations in these com-
modities. The development of
industry was urgently needed.
Emergency regulations had
often prevented workers from
taking action to improve wages
and conditions of employment,
the pamphlet stated.

Chairman of the movement
is Mr Fenner Brockway, a
Labour Member of Parliament.
—Reuter.

Peace Treaty Hangs In Balance ...
SHIGEMITSU TO ASK
B & K FOR ISLANDS

Crucial Stage In Russo-Japanese Talks

Moscow, Aug. 9.

The Japanese Foreign Minister, Mr Shigemitsu, will
meet Marshal Nikolai Bulganin, Soviet Prime Minister,
and Mr Nikita Khrushchev, the Soviet Communist Party
Secretary, tomorrow in a "last-ditch" bid to obtain Soviet
territorial concessions, Japanese officials said tonight.

Mr Shigemitsu asked for an
interview with the two top
Soviet leaders earlier today,
when he had a private talk
with Mr Dmitri Shepilov, Soviet
Foreign Minister.

Agreement by Marshal
Bulganin and Mr Khrushchev
to receive him reached the
Japanese delegation late this
evening.

Mr Shigemitsu will meet
Marshal Bulganin and Mr
Khrushchev at 2.30 p.m.
Moscow time tomorrow in the
Kremlin.

Final Attempt

It was understood that Mr
Shigemitsu would make a final
attempt to try to secure the re-
turn of Kunashiri and Iturup
Islands, the southernmost islands
of the Kurile chain which
Russia occupied in 1945.

So far in the Moscow nego-
tiations between Japan and the
Soviet Union, which started on
July 31, Russia has refused to

yield any territory and has
claimed the territorial issue is
settled.

If Mr Shigemitsu fails to
secure a promise of territorial
concessions from Marshal
Bulganin and Mr Khrushchev
and according to diplomatic
sources, concessions are unlikely,
—he will have to decide
whether to sign a peace treaty
without getting the islands or to
return to Tokyo empty-handed.

Russian Threat

If Mr Shigemitsu refuses to
sign a peace treaty, the Rus-
sians are likely to revoke fish-
ing concessions they agreed to
give Japan last May and will
also keep any prisoners in the
Soviet Union until they have
completed sentences they are
serving for war crimes.

According to diplomatic
sources, a formula may be
reached whereby a treaty may
be signed while leaving the
territorial issue pending.—Rou-
ter.

Egypt Claims Israeli
Bomber Damaged

Paris, Aug. 9.

Egyptian troops fired on and
crippled an Israeli "Mosquito"
bomber today in the fifth Israel
border violation to occur since
August 5, an Egyptian military
spokesman said.

The spokesman, in a state-
ment broadcast by Cairo Radio
monitored here, said troops fired
on the plane, as it violated
Egyptian air space at a low
altitude in the Rafah border
area.

The spokesman said Israel
planes violated Egyptian air
space on August 5 at Rafah,
Gaza and Khoutant. He said
an Israeli jet penetrated 100
metres into Egyptian territory
on August 4 and opened fire on
Egyptian positions, the broad-
cast reported.

The spokesman added: "Our
armed forces, in conformity
with strict instructions,
rigorously abstained from re-
taliation against these provoca-
tions."—France-Press.

Five More
Killed
In Indian
Rioting

Ahmedabad, Aug. 9.
Five people were killed
and at least 41 injured in
Ahmedabad today when
police clashed with rioters
for the second day running.

Police used gun-fire, tear gas,
staves and batons to repel
rioters, demonstrating against
the Indian Government's decision
to form a bilingual Bombay
state.

Seven people were killed and
107 injured in rioting in the
city yesterday.

In New Dehli today, the
House of the People (Lower
House), under the approval
of the plan for the new enlarged
Bombay state, which will com-
prise Marathi-speaking and
Gujarati-speaking peoples.

REDS ARRESTED

The House decided to postpone
the inauguration of the new
state from October until Novem-
ber.

Thirty of today's injured were
police men, home guards and
firemen.

Police arrested more than 50
people, including six Communist
leaders.

As the situation continued
tense, the Ahmedabad district
authorities enforced a 24-hour
curfew throughout the city
from 2.00 p.m. Military pickets
were posted at various points
in the city to assist the police,
strictly to enforce the curfew.

Strikes spread to other cities
near Ahmedabad. In Surat,
Baroda and Navsari, thousands
of students abstained from
classes in protest at the police
shootings in Ahmedabad.

In Bombay city, the situation
was normal, except that
Gujarati food-vendors and
shopkeepers closed today in
protest against the Ahmedabad
shootings.—Reuter and France-
Press.

Truman's Choice

Chicago, Aug. 9.

Former American President
Harry Truman, said today he
would announce whom he was
supporting as the Democratic
Presidential candidate before
the opening of the Democratic
Party Convention.—France-
Press.

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SOVIET DECLARATION ON SUEZ

Ceylon Premier Trying To Get Nasser's Viewpoint

Colombo, Aug. 9. Mr. Solomon Bandaranaike, Ceylon Premier, said tonight he was taking steps to contact President Nasser to obtain Egypt's views on the Suez Canal question.

He told the House of Representatives that he would seek to find out from Egypt the kind of settlement that might be acceptable to her from the viewpoint of international guarantees for the Canal.

Referring to the forthcoming London conference on Suez, Mr. Bandaranaike added: "We will try to appraise ourselves by discussion with Colonel Nasser of the Egyptian angle on the matter so that we will be better able to participate in the work of the conference with that direct knowledge."

EASING OFF

Mr. Bandaranaike said he did not think in the absence of any definite decision could be arrived at during the conference on Suez.

"I am satisfied that the situation which looked very unsatisfactory in the earlier stages is now easing off and there is no immediate fear of the outbreak of hostilities."

"I presume that after this conference, where preliminary matters may be discussed, further conferences may take place in which Colonel Nasser himself may be disposed or persuaded to participate," he added.

VERBOTEN IS VERBOTEN

Mainz, Aug. 9. It is "verboten" (forbidden) for newspapers here to say that entrance to certain films is "verboten" for children, according to a recent official order.

Seeing the "verboten" only made the children keener to see films which they should not see, the authorities found.

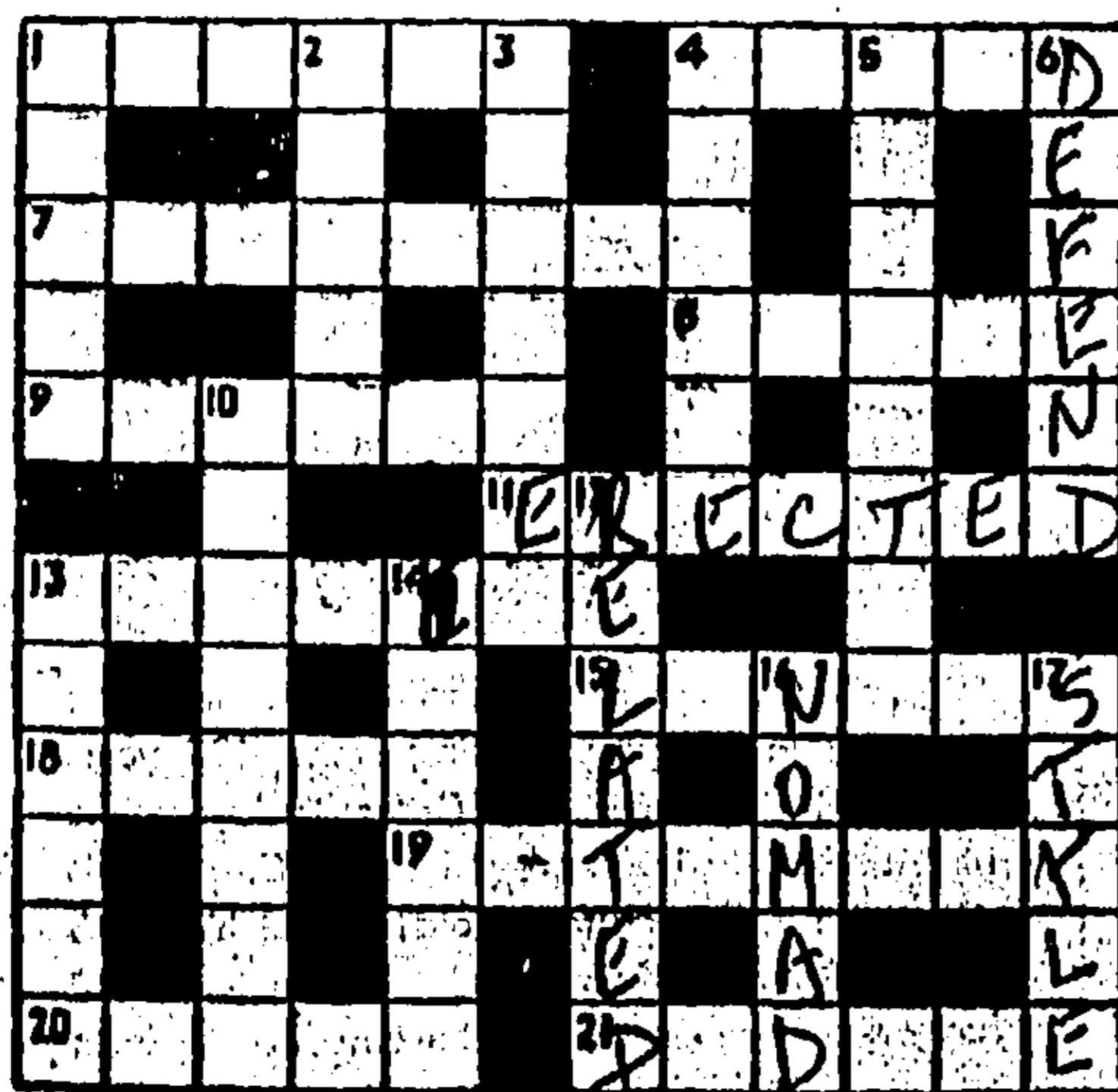
In future only the cinemas will display bills to indicate when young people are excluded.—China Mail Special.

LOST PENNY GIVEN 2400

Melbourne, Aug. 9. Nine-year-old Jennifer Thurling found £141 10s in a street and then lost a penny. Jennifer was so startled when she picked up a brown envelope in a South Ballarat street that she dropped her spending penny.

She needn't have bothered. The firm which lost the money presented her with a reward of 2400 pennies.—£10.—China Mail Special.

A British Crossword Puzzle



- ACROSS**
- Badges (9).
 - Diets (10) (5).
 - Warm (8).
 - Wriggle out of (6).
 - Conquer (10).
 - Built (7).
 - Supply (7).
 - Weapons (8).
 - Vestments (8).
 - Inopportune (8).
 - Rich (8).
 - Chisel (8).
- DOWN**
- Fascination (9).
 - Clash (6).
 - Agitated (7).
 - Plan (6).
 - Unprovoked (8).
 - Protest (6).
 - Obstruction (8).
 - Told (7).
 - Selected (6).
 - Come out (6).
 - Wandered (8).
 - Fashion (8).

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD—Across: 1. Spots; 2. Hunting; 3. Road; 4. Drove; 5. Yushan; 6. 11; 7. 12; 8. 13; 9. 14; 10. 15; 11. 16; 12. 17; 13. 18; 14. 19; 15. 20; 16. 21; 17. 22; 18. 23; 19. 24; 20. 25; 21. 26; 22. 27; 23. 28; 24. 29; 25. 30; 26. 31; 27. 32; 28. 33; 29. 34; 30. 35; 31. 36; 32. 37; 33. 38; 34. 39; 35. 40; 36. 41; 37. 42; 38. 43; 39. 44; 40. 45; 41. 46; 42. 47; 43. 48; 44. 49; 45. 50; 46. 51; 47. 52; 48. 53; 49. 54; 50. 55; 51. 56; 52. 57; 53. 58; 54. 59; 55. 60; 56. 61; 57. 62; 58. 63; 59. 64; 60. 65; 61. 66; 62. 67; 63. 68; 64. 69; 65. 70; 66. 71; 67. 72; 68. 73; 69. 74; 70. 75; 71. 76; 72. 77; 73. 78; 74. 79; 75. 80; 76. 81; 77. 82; 78. 83; 79. 84; 80. 85; 81. 86; 82. 87; 83. 88; 84. 89; 85. 90; 86. 91; 87. 92; 88. 93; 89. 94; 90. 95; 91. 96; 92. 97; 93. 98; 94. 99; 95. 100; 96. 101; 97. 102; 98. 103; 99. 104; 100. 105; 101. 106; 102. 107; 103. 108; 104. 109; 105. 110; 106. 111; 107. 112; 108. 113; 109. 114; 110. 115; 111. 116; 112. 117; 113. 118; 114. 119; 115. 120; 116. 121; 117. 122; 118. 123; 119. 124; 120. 125; 121. 126; 122. 127; 123. 128; 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US MAKING OIL PLANS

Washington, Aug. 9. Mr. Flemming, Director of the Office of Defense Mobilization—the United States top defence spending agency—today called for continuous consultation between the Government and oil companies to prepare plans to meet any situation arising from Egypt's seizure of the Suez Canal.

Mr. Flemming issued a statement to the press regarding a closed meeting in New York earlier this week between representatives of the Department of Interior and of several oil companies interested in the transport of oil tankers through the Suez Canal.

"It is believed that joint plans can be developed by the industry which, if it becomes necessary, put them in operation, can cope with such situation as it seems now might possibly arise," he said.

—Reuter.

Andrea Doria Toll Drops To 45

New York, Aug. 9. The number of persons killed or missing in the sinking of the Italian liner Andrea Doria dropped to 45 today with the finding of two women who used both their maiden and married names on various survivor lists.

Mrs. Annetta Cusumano of Jennings, Missouri, and Mrs. Serafina Mattio, of Bridgeport, Connecticut, were located, bringing the "unaccounted for" down to 45. Two are listed as dead and 18 presumed dead.

An Italian Line spokesman said Mrs. Cusumano, who is with her husband in their Missouri home, had been carried under her maiden name of Longo on some survivors lists. Mrs. Mattio gave her maiden name of Cannarozzi to customs service personnel during their check of survivors.

The spokesman said it was common practice in Europe for married women to use both their maiden and married names.—United Press.

Nip For The Car

Wellington, Aug. 9. When his eight-horsepower car ran out of petrol on a recent bitter evening, a Wellington motorist and his passenger carried out an interesting but expensive experiment.

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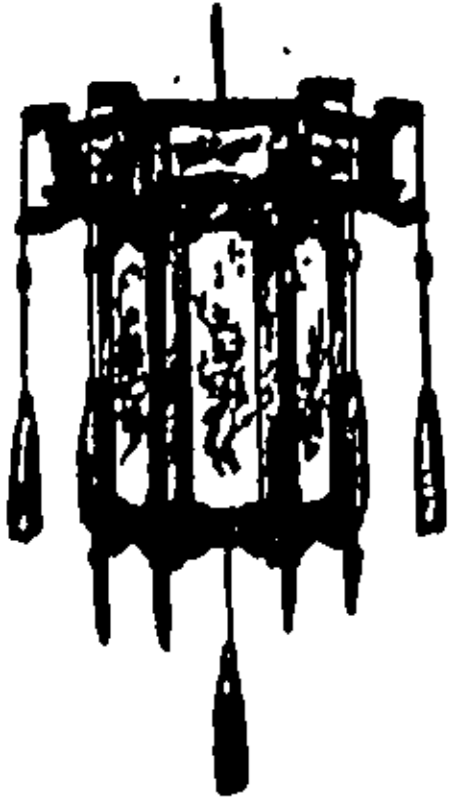
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Death of a High Talent

THE RISE AND FALL OF DEREK CURTIS-BENNETT

WHAT is it that drives a brilliant man to drink, to ruin, and to death, just at the moment in his career when destiny seems to have polished all his stars, and his flarepath through the universe seems bright and clear?

It was drink that hastened the end of Derek Curtis-Bennett, Q.C. Plus something else besides. It was drink that killed Robert Newton, the great character actor. Plus something else besides. It was drink that killed Harry Parr-Davies, the composer and song-writer. Plus something else besides. But what was the extra poison added to the mixture of genius and alcohol which

proved to be poison for these men? For Derek Curtis-Bennett it was almost certainly needless envy. He once opened the speech for the prosecution in a murder case by saying of the accused man: "He went into his garden, on a ghostly moonlit

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night, and into the grave he dug." With those words he might have been speaking his own epitaph. For he spent most of his own boyhood, most of his brilliant postwar career at the Bar, and most of his shabby, sordid and sudden downfall to his death on July

23 digging with guilty fingers into someone else's grave. The grave of his father, the great Sir Henry Curtis-Bennett, K.C. The grave of the man he had loved, admired and striven to emulate while he lived—but ended by hating and envying after his death.

Derek Curtis-Bennett was a man who spent a lifetime living in the shadow of a greater, and more famous, father. He was proud of it to begin with. He knew his father as the man who had appeared in such sensational, front-page murder trials as those of Vaquer, Patrick Mahon, Ronald True, and Edith Thompson and Frederick Bywaters.

And every moment that he spent in the courts with his famous parent, as an aspiring barrister and later as a barrister in his own right, he was haunted by the skill of Sir Henry's brain, the magic of his reasoning, the fluency of his tongue.

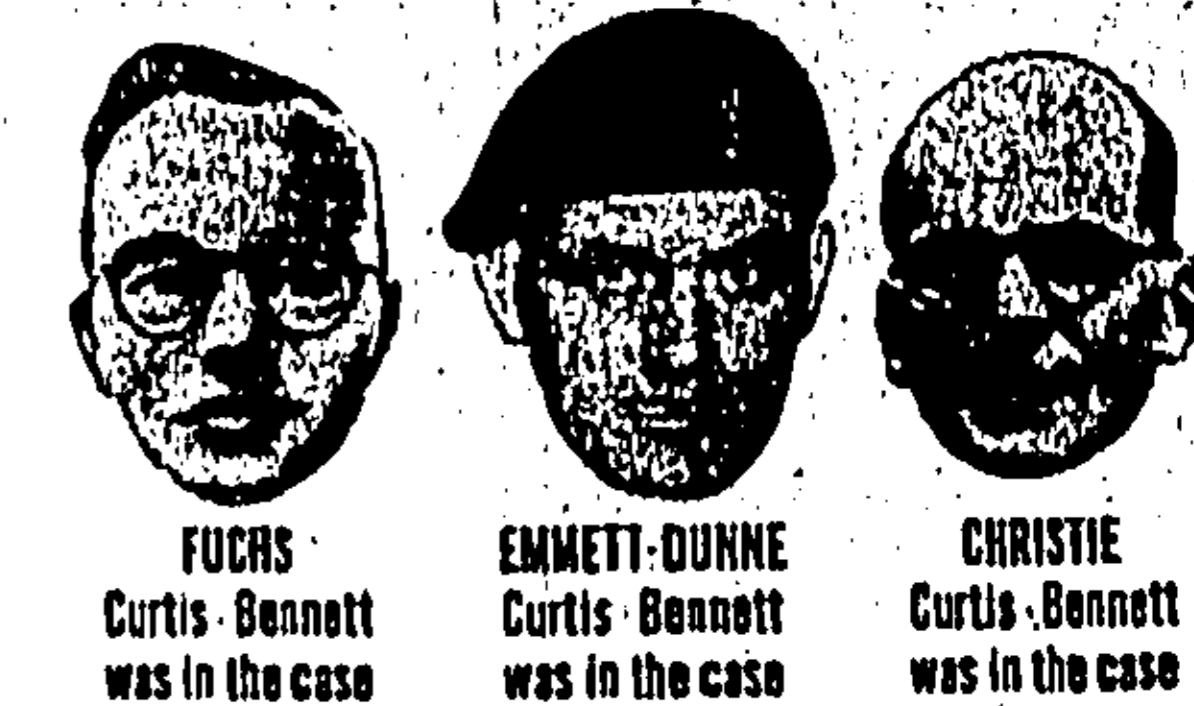


CURTIS-BENNETT AND
ACTRESS WIFE JANET
RUSK. SHE KILLED HER-
SELF 12 WEEKS AGO.

"I learned all there was to learn at his knees," he said, proudly, the first time he argued against his father in court. And added, regally: "Do not be lured by the art and attractiveness by which, out of his sage experience, he can present such applications."

Sir Henry, in his turn, was determined to build this

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TOMORROW: CHAPTER 2 OF HIS
LIFE STORY . . . TELLING WHAT
COULDN'T BE TOLD UNTIL NOW

adoring son into a man of his own gigantic stature in the glamorous world of sensational trials. "If, by the fervour of your advocacy and the marshalling of your facts, you can save some poor devil from the gallows," he once said to the son, "you will have justified the training I have given you and have won the reputation I have in mind for you."

It was a father-and-son world of mutual admiration and encouragement which worked. Until Sir Henry Curtis-Bennett died, in 1937, and Derek Curtis-Bennett was out in the legal world, for the first time in his life on his own.

For a time, it seemed as if the ghost of his father was always there beside him to egg, urge, and press him on. Certainly, the aura of fame surrounding the Curtis-Bennett name was there to help him.

It got him cases which, in other circumstances, might not have come his way. Not because he did not have the ability, but because of his father's reputation.

SOURNESS

AND then—just after the end of the war, when his greatest triumphs were still ahead of him—his adoration of his dead father turned sour. So did his faith in his ability to measure up to the reputation of Sir Henry.

Before, he had never had any doubts that he would be a credit to the family name. Now, he buttonholed his colleagues and almost begged them to criticise his tactics. He was filled with doubts about his skill. He was suddenly afraid that he could never follow his father.

He had always liked a drink. Now he began to ease his doubts, and loosen his tongue, with alcohol. In his cups he could be ruthlessly critical of himself, and in the opinion of his friends, quite unjustly.

"They only call me in because of the name," he would say, savagely, "I am making money on my cases—loads of it. And who is caring? Not me, but old Sir Henry."

And the trouble is I can't really keep up with dear old Dad. He was a better man than I shall be. In fact, that was not really true. Derek Curtis-Bennett was brilliant too. Not, perhaps, in the same way as his father. But he was appallingly effective in squashing the Mac in the witness-box, in drowning a

dangerous witness in mud of his own making, in getting from a hostile witness just the advantageous information, and no more, for which he was probing.

He was ruthless. He could shatter his opponents. He could verbally rabbit-punch and kidney-punch their pet evidence. He defended Lord Haw-Haw with wonderful tactics. He defended Fuchs, atom spy. He defended Christie. He defended Emmett-Dunne.

HE LOST

BUT note that though he fought for them with zest and keenest skill, with searing cross-examinations and final speeches which are still the talk of the legal world, he lost all those famous cases.

I doubt if any great barrister, alive or dead, could have won them. Not even Sir Henry, himself. But the fact that Derek Curtis-Bennett lost them he attributed not to the fact that the criminals were all the more guilty, but that he was not as good as his father.

And so, to drown his growing sense of frustration, of this unmanly and unfulfilled envy, he increased his demands on the bottle. He spent lavishly. Not that it showed, at first, this self-induced degradation—this deliberate slow-poisoning of his body, mind, and self-esteem.

He still looked and sounded like a brilliant Q.C. in court. He wrote lordly letters to The Times on political and legal topics of the day. He made wonderful speeches. He coined epigrams: "Death is the end," he said, shortly after the collapse of his first marriage, "Marriage is the beginning of the end."

The word began to spread through the legal offices that he was consulting the brandy bottle more frequently than his law books, and on one case, a trial for murder, he drank his way from adjournment to resumption and never once slept or kept sober.

"NO USE"

HIS speech for the defendant, now the less, was the greatest of his career and one for the annals of his profession. It did not please him, though. "It's no use," he said, after the verdict went against him. "I'll never be the same as dear old Dad."

And yet he could have been. Sometimes he was. Just how much he measured up to his beloved but also hated father witness-box, in drowning a

LORD PALMERSTON OBJECTED TO SUEZ

SIR HENRY d'AVIGDOR GOLDSMID, MP

WHEN we made the decision to base our national economy on the oil of the Middle East we also made the mistake of removing the garrison whose presence in the Canal Zone guaranteed us free navigation of its waters. In effect we placed Suez as a noose round our necks and invited Nasser to kick the chair away from under our feet whenever he so desired.

Today as we dangle from the ceiling, thrashing our legs and calling on Russia, France and the U.S.A. to support us, one surely figure from the shades may be heard to murmur "I told you so." For Lord Palmerston, Prime Minister of Britain for so many years while the canal was projected and under construction, was also its most inveterate opponent.

Reappraisal

He appreciated the importance of the shortened sea route to Asia; he foresaw the peril to Britain of having a hostile Power athwart the short cut, and he did not envisage the possibility of our being able indefinitely to keep a British garrison there.

Free passage of the canal has for years been the basic assumption of our Eastern and Middle Eastern strategy, and now that we are faced with the painful necessity of reappraisal we have ruefully to acknowledge how right that cynical and sage old man has proved to be.

Today, as this narrow ribbon of water across the desert becomes Crisis Spot No. 1, threatening the Empire's lifeline, a voice from the past may be heard to murmur "I told you so."

the name of Nasser has passed into merciful oblivion. How, in fact, did the canal come to get built?

From the standpoint of engineering it was not a major problem and its construction had been canvassed for many years by an 18th-century philosophical group called the St Simonians. They believed in free love and much of their time was taken up with the endeavour (in which their leader Prosper Enfantin most nobly played his part) of finding the right bridge with whom Enfantin could consummate a mystic marriage and so create the delity.

Europe having proved sterile in this respect they fetched up at Alexandria, in 1833, still

seeking the bride and filling in their time with surveys for the canal.

Obstacles, on the other hand, were apparently overwhelming. Egypt was a vassal of Turkey and governed by a Turkish viceroy, so to the waywardness and graft of the oriental court, hardly different from the days of the Arabian nights, fell to be added the dilatoriness and inefficiency of the 19th-century bureaucracy.

The Sultan saw no advantage to Turkey or himself in the construction of the canal.

Britain was consistently opposed to it and British influence at Constantinople was very strong. France supported the canal, but Louis Napoleon's adventurous European policy depended on his ensuring at least the friendly neutrality of Britain; his support for the canal was therefore never more than half-hearted.

Financial institutions as a whole did not favour the canal because its construction imperilled the stability of the Suez-Alexandria railway, and ship-owners were unwilling to provide the shallower-draught vessels that the new water-course required at the cost of their existing fleets being rendered prematurely obsolete.

Against the political and financial considerations so arrayed against him, de Lesseps had only his personal qualities

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COUNTY CRICKET

KENT TAKE FIRST INNINGS POINTS OFF LANCASHIRE

London, Aug. 9. Colin Cowdrey, the England opening bat, scored 121 not out to help Kent, bottom-of-the-county cricket table, take first innings points against Lancashire on the second day of their match today.

In three hours twenty minutes he hit 20 fours and batted confidently except for two difficult chances off pace bowler Colin Smith. Cowdrey's century enabled Kent to make a fine recovery after they had lost their first four wickets for 78, and their 296 was the highest total by a county side against Lancashire this season.

Michael Stewart, the Surrey batsman, gave the holiday crowd at Chelton another brilliant display of stroke play in scoring 100, the highest score of his career against Essex.

Yesterday's Athletics

Robin Weate continued to be the star of the HRAAA's first summer athletics season at the South China Athletic Association Stadium at Caroline Hill yesterday.

There were no distance races for Weate yesterday, but he started in the 800 Metres against a field of other runners better known as distance men and clocked 2 minutes 11.2 seconds behind Chan Kim-hung of South China, whose 2:10.5 in his debut over this distance was even more remarkable.

About a half hour later, it was decided to stage another 800 Metres race to accommodate a late arrival and Weate decided to try again. In his first attempt he had run a too fast first lap and Kim-hung had run away from him at the last turn.

"This time Weate held himself back and came through with 2 minutes 10 seconds, the fastest time of the evening."

Peter Borman, in his second attempt at the 400 Metres Low Hurdles, failed to improve on his Colony record of 60.3 seconds awaiting qualification. Borman started fast and by the fifth hurdle looked like he would be the first athlete in Hongkong to clock under a minute for this event.

But he came a cropper on the sixth hurdle, lost his stride and finally knocked down two more, clocking 62.9 seconds. With three hurdles knocked over being sufficient to disqualify, the race went to Ng Tsang-cheung of South China in a modest 58 seconds.

Lee Yu-man scored a double with 13.6 seconds for the 110 Metres Sprint and 19 feet 11.2 inches in the Long Jump. Lee Shiu-lok won the Shot Put with 34 feet 11.2 inches.

Endurance Swim Record

Kelowna, Aug. 9. Mrs Ann Merew of Vancouver set a world's endurance record for swimming this afternoon despite her failure to conquer the 32-mile stretch of Okanagan Lake separating Penticton, British Columbia, from Kelowna.

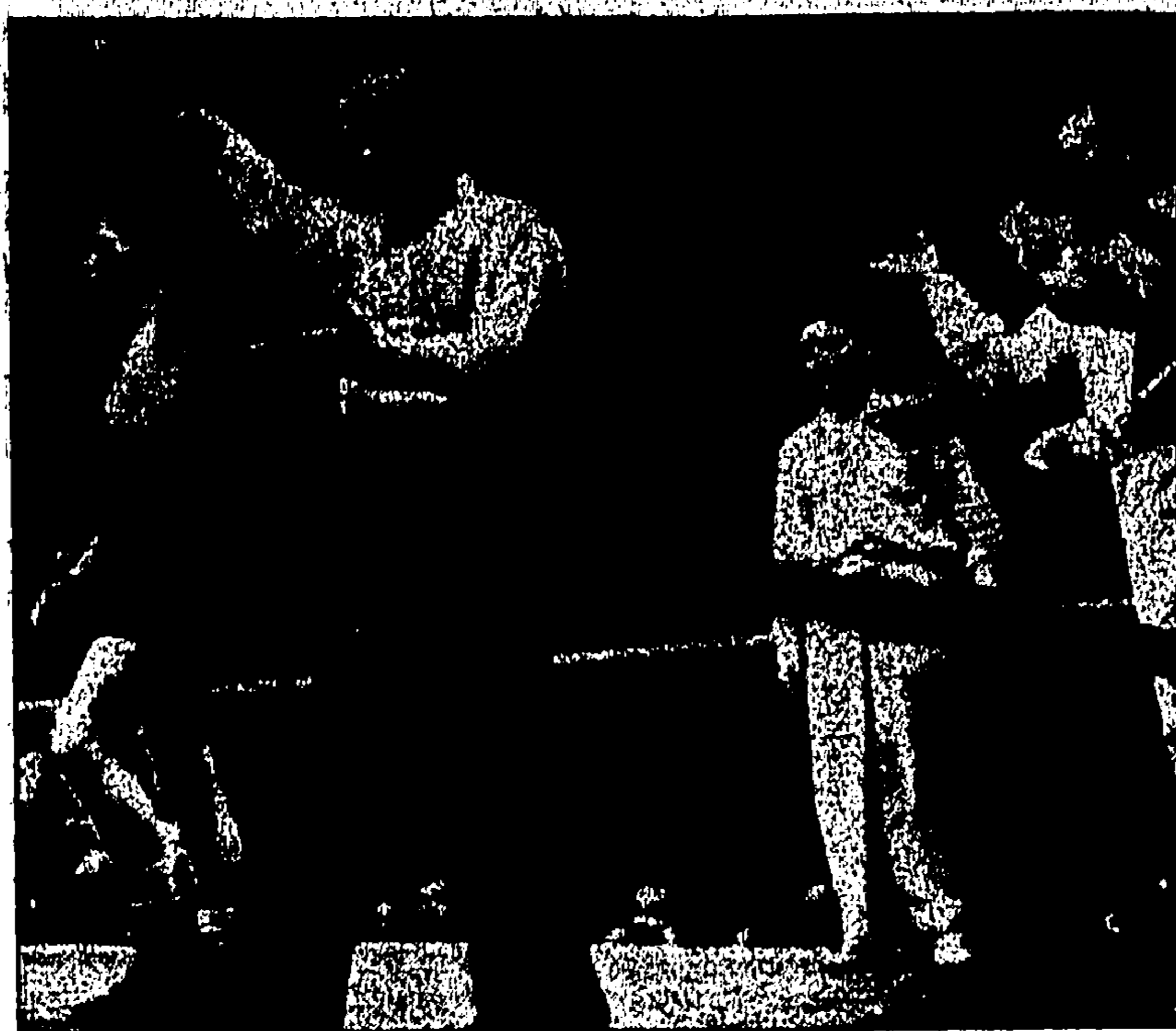
The 32-year-old athlete had stroked her way through the choppy water for 25 hours one minute before being pulled into her escort boat, half conscious shortly after 1 p.m. today.

The previous endurance record was set by Marilyn Bell of Toronto in her successful 21-hour swim over Lake Ontario, a similar distance, two years ago. —United Press.

WEIGHTLIFTING RECORD

Moscow, Aug. 9. S. Bogdanovskiy set a new world weightlifting record today with a two-hand clean press lift of 134 kilograms, beating his own record by one kilogramme. —United Press.

HIS MOMENT AS THE WINNER



Here is Billy Ellaway, hand upraised by referee Blakeborough. But it was all a mistake... McAteer got the verdict.

McATEER WON ALRIGHT, BUT WHAT A SHOCK

Referee First Held Up The Loser's Hand

By HARRY CARPENTER

A mistake by a star referee, Fred Blakeborough, had British and Empire Middleweight Champion, Pat McAteer (Birkenhead), in tears in the ring at Liverpool Stadium on August 2.

McAteer thought he had lost his fight with Billy Ellaway, of Liverpool. But, in fact, he had won it on points, after ten memorable rounds.

At the end of the fight Referee Blakeborough walked to a neutral corner, where he totted up the points. Then he went across to McAteer's corner, where Ellaway was standing—and held up Ellaway's hand as the winner.

Ellaway's eyes seemed to pop in astonishment as he walked across to shake hands with McAteer, who flopped down on a stool crying.

The referee went to climb out of the ring, then suddenly realised his mistake. He turned back, went over to McAteer and lifted the Champion's hand. Ellaway then ran across the ring to congratulate McAteer.

It was left to MC Johnny Best to explain to the buzzing crowd what had happened.

"The referee went to McAteer's corner," said Best, "saw Ellaway, and thought he was McAteer."

The crowd whistled in derision.

The Board of Control steward in charge," continued Best, "has checked the referee's score card, which shows McAteer the winner."

If it had been a close fight, referee Blakeborough's error might have started a riot. The crowd, keyed up by this long-awaited Merseyside battle, were ripe for trouble.

Four fights broke out in the crowd before, during, and after the big contest, and police, occasionally wielding batons, had to drag several spectators out of the hall.

Mr Blakeborough afterwards told me: "I took my eyes off the fighters while I was adding up my card and when I went to McAteer's corner I didn't bother to look and see whose hand I was raising. I naturally assumed it was McAteer's."

The McConnons

As Jim McConnon, Burnley cricket professional, is preparing to pack his kit for the winter after a successful first League season, his brother Terry has arrived at Burnley to train with the local football club. He was previously with Lovells Athletic (Newport-Mon). Jim, a footballer with Aston Villa, was with Glamorgan and made the last MCC tour of Australia before being sent home through injury.

WORN DOWN

Fitted as Ellaway was, and McAteer commented on this afterwards, he was gradually worn down by the more accurate punching of the champion until in the ninth round McAteer let loose a barrage of hooks and uppercuts.

"In any case, Ellaway was surrounded by seconds."

A similar incident occurred in March 1953 in Glasgow after a fight between bantamweight Peter Keenan and Slim Rowan. Keenan won, but referee Peter Muir raised Rowan's hand in error.

This was the fight everyone had said would be the North's battle of the year. All I can say is, if one comes along better than this, I want to be there to see it.

It started sensationally. Half-way through the first round a sizzling right counter from Ellaway hooked itself viciously on McAteer's nose and mouth.

"MY LOT"

It was a terrific punch and it dropped McAteer on one knee, where he stayed for a count of eight, with blood slowly trickling from his squashed nose.

As McAteer said afterwards: "If it had been a couple of inches lower, I think that would have been my lot."

Instead, McAteer got up to fight back, at first cautiously, later with savage fury, until he had worn down and clearly beaten the ever-game and every-trying Ellaway.

For a few rounds after the knock-down this fight was the contrast in styles that had been anticipated—McAteer, the tall, slim, meticulous stylist versus Ellaway, the short, chunky, powerful puncher.

McAteer used a lightly jabbing left, trying to upset Ellaway in his frequent rapid bursts of two-handed punching. The left, however, was often off target and about the fifth round McAteer seemed to realise that more action was needed. So he began opening up aggressively. From the sixth round, although McAteer was going further and further ahead, the boys stood toe to toe and slugged it out in a tremendous battle.

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FOURTH TEST REFLECTIONS

ENGLAND TO WIN AT THE OVAL—WHATEVER THE WICKET

Says DENNIS HART

The Ashes may be in England's safe keeping for at least another two years but England still has a fight on in the Test series against Australia. There is that final Test at the Oval. England must at least avoid defeat to win the rubber. More important she must aim to win to prove her superiority over Australia.

The way England outclassed Australia at Old Trafford is not enough. Nor was that other innings victory at Leeds.

In both cases England had the advantage of the toss and the wicket. In both cases this advantage has been exaggerated.

But when the time comes to look back on those victories, particularly at Old Trafford, many people when talking of them will add knowingly "of course it was the wicket which did it."

And forget the excellent batting of Peter Richardson, David Sheppard and Colin Cowdrey and even take some of the glory from the golden bowling performances of Jim Laker.

This would be as unfortunate as it would be untrue. I think we have heard enough of the Old Trafford wicket, but I would just make one final observation. In the second innings when the sun and wind was rapidly drying the pitch the ball did bite a bit—no crime for any drying wicket, and yet Australia scored 204 against the first innings total of 84.

SNEAKING SUSPICION

But England skipper Peter May is anxious to answer all the doubts by beating Australia hands down at the Oval. And I've a sneaking suspicion that he wouldn't mind if Australia won the toss.

It would give him the chance to prove that this is England's finest team in twenty years, and that takes in the time when Hutton and Compton were in their prime. This, incidentally, is an opinion shared by Aussie skipper Ian Johnson.

There can be no doubts about the bowling. Take away Laker and Lock still presents a tricky spinning problem. And the Aussies have yet to face the terrors of two years ago, Frank Tyson and Brian Statham in partnership. Indeed, they haven't come across Statham at all.

The recall of David Sheppard has given further class to the England batting. Only a feature this as the Aussies have found to their cost and at present I would take England to get as many runs as any side in Test cricket.

But when Sheppard gracefully bows out of the Test scene and Cyril Washbrook only a stop-gap choice drops out then England may well be scrapping for runs again. If only Denis Compton can make it, how the selectors would welcome him back.

If not England will have to continue to make up with quantity what the batting lacks in quality. And this means continuing to split the first fast bowlers, partnership in the world or what is perhaps the best spin combination.

SPEED MERCHANTS

And like the speed merchants Laker and Lock hunt as a pair. Even though he took only one wicket at Old Trafford Lock played his part. While he constantly moved the ball away

LAWN TENNIS

Only One Frenchman In Quarter-Finals

South Orange, N.J., Aug. 9. Four Americans three Australians and one Frenchman gained the quarter-final round today in the Eastern grass court championships at the Orange Lawn Tennis Club.

A new title-holder was crowned in the Men's Singles when Sammy Giammalva of Houston, Texas, was defeated in straight sets by Australia's Neale Fraser. Giammalva triumphed here last year, conquering Vic Seixas, Kurt Nielsen and Gil Shon in the last three rounds, but he was not close to his 1955 form against Fraser.

Veteran Seixas, America's top ranking man since Tony Trabert, turned pro to go all out to defeat Le Cliff Mayes of Fort Monmouth, New Jersey. Seixas lost the first set, but rallied to win 4-6, 6-2, 6-4.

Final tennis of the day was produced in the Aust. women's match between Margaret Smith and Mary Harewood. Smith, 18-year-old, won 6-1, 6-0, 6-0.

Like Miller, whom he is under the same and threat which is regarded as the worst of a cricket. —United Press.

Another Threatening Letter

London, Aug. 9. Ian Johnson, captain of the Australian cricket team, who yesterday left England for a week's holiday in Scandinavia before the Test struggle is resumed in the fifth and final Test at the Oval, has like his team mates and vice-captain, Keith Miller, received a letter threatening to alienate him.

Like Miller, whom he is under the same and threat which is regarded as the worst of a cricket. —United Press.

Australians In A Commanding Position Against Warwickshire

Birmingham, Aug. 9. A great second wicket partnership of 280 by Jim Burke and left-hander Neil Harvey helped to put the Australians in a commanding position against Warwickshire at Edgbaston here today.

The Australians finished the day with 424 for four in reply to the Midlands' county's first innings total of 194, giving them a lead of 230 runs on the second day of the match.

Harvey made a welcome return to form after failing to score in his three previous innings. He punished the Warwickshire attack in a sparkling exhibition of elegant, effortless stroke play before he was bowled by turbulent Swarnjit Singh immediately after tea for 145. He batted 274 minutes and hit 14 fours.

Burke was even more effective at the other end, with a stubborn and at times attractive innings of 104—his highest of the tour. He was clean bowled by fast medium pacer Roland Thompson ten minutes before the close after he had been at the wicket 450 minutes and had hit one six and sixteen fours. He became the second tourist to pass 1,000 runs, the other being Colin McDonald.

THE SCOREBOARD

Warwickshire First Innings 194
Australians First Innings 424
(47 for one overnight)

J. Burke, b Thompson 104
J. Rutherford, b Singh 26
N. Harvey, b Singh 145
I. Craig, b Wollan 48
K. Miller, not out 46
R. Benaud, not out 10
Extras 10

Total (for four wickets) 424
Wicket fell at: 35, 316, 319, 422

Bowling

Bansler 29 0 73 0
Thompson 26 7 52 1
Hollies 49 12 128 0
Singh 37 4 107 3
Hitchcock 4 0 29 0
Wollan 18 2 25 0
—Reuter.

Erskine, Roebuck (5) and Walker, Hall, Watson (3), Naranjo (5), King (6), Toot, (6), Pollard (8) and Sheppard, WP-Roebuck (5-4), LP-Hall (0-6), HR-Thomas (17th), Fomelles (3-6).

AMERICAN LEAGUE

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Boston 3 6 0
Cleveland 2 5 0
Chicago 6 15 6
Detroit 1 1 0
Kansas City 1 1 0
Los Angeles 1 1 0
Milwaukee 1 1 0
New York 15 20 0
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Pittsburgh 3 8 3
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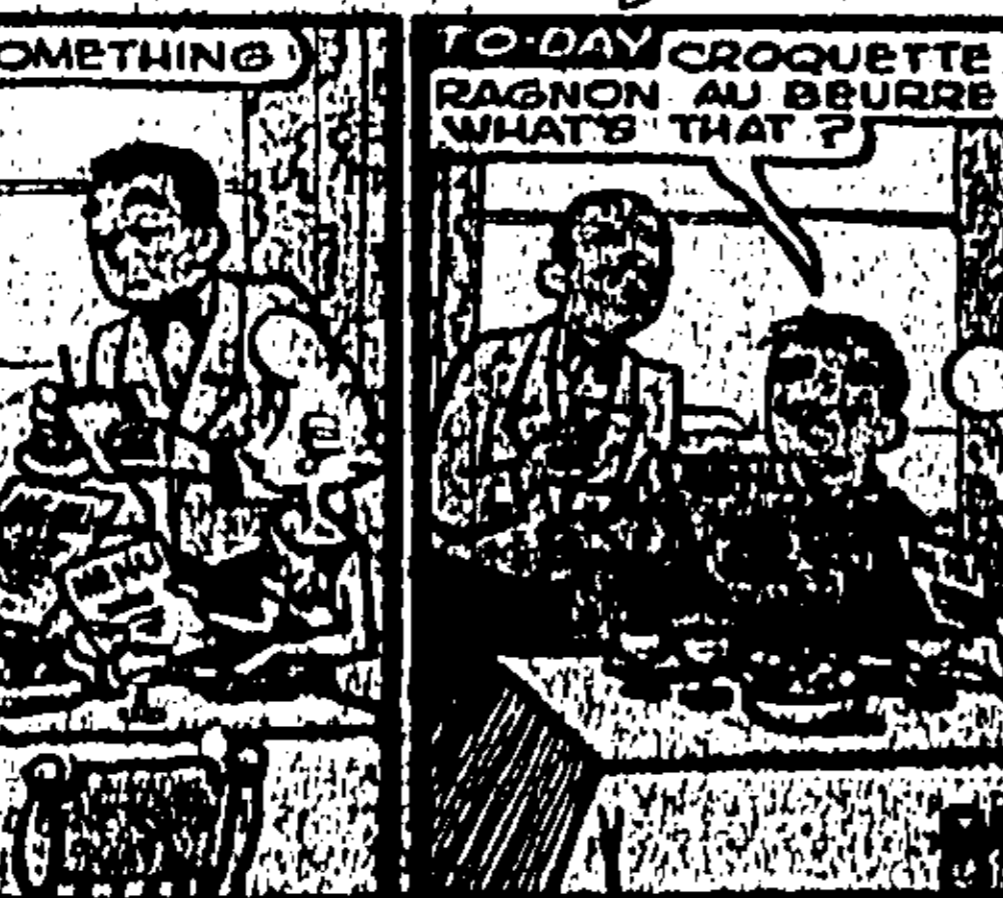
Yugoslavia Wins

Yugoslavia won the 1956 World Chess Championship by defeating the Soviet Union 6-5 in a match of 12 games.

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by Lee Falk and Phil Davis

AS I'VE TAKEN OFF, JOHNNY AND GUSTY HAVE BEING AN OUTBUILDING.

NOW MR. GANETT THINKS WE'VE LEFT THE LIGHTS IN THE GARDEN CLUB ARE GONE OUT IN A FEW MINUTES WE MOVE IN, GUSTY!

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FOURTH DRIEST JULY EVER

The Director of the Royal Observatory reports that the weather during July was unusually dry and fine. The total rainfall of 145.9 mm was only 38.7 per cent of the normal amount received, and contrasts markedly with the 619.0 mm recorded last year. In only three years—1889, 1897 and 1928—has less rain been recorded in July since the Observatory records began in 1884. The month opened with the total rainfall for the year amounting to 874.6 mm, which is 1.5 mm below normal, and closed with a total of 1020.5 mm, being 325.5 mm below normal for the time of year.

The fine weather gave high daytime temperatures, and the 19 days during the month the temperature rose above 90°F. On the 6th a maximum temperature of 92.0°F was recorded, being 1.4°F less than the absolute maximum for July (94.0°F) which has been recorded on four occasions.

On the 5th a tropical depression developed east of the Philippines and moved WNW across the South China Sea, where it intensified to a tropical storm. Number one storm signal was hoisted at 1010 hours on the morning of the 7th and was soon followed by the number three (strong wind) signal at 1250 hours. The storm passed well to the south of the Colony, on the way towards Hainan Island, and the strongest gust—45 knots from ENE—was recorded at 1630 hours on the 7th. During the passage of the storm, strong winds were experienced in the harbour for more than eight hours. The number one storm signal was lowered at 0740 hours on the morning of the 8th. The rainfall yield from the storm was disappointingly low, only 11.0 mm, being recorded during the three days that it affected the Colony.

It is usual to have a relatively dry spell between the 5th and the 15th of July when the ridge from the Pacific and cyclone moves northwards across the Colony. This year was no exception. On 15th a maximum of rain fell during the six days following the 9th.

THUNDERSTORMS

From the 15th to the 18th a trough moved slowly northward across the Colony accompanied by three days of thunderstorms and heavy rain. Ten days of fine weather followed.



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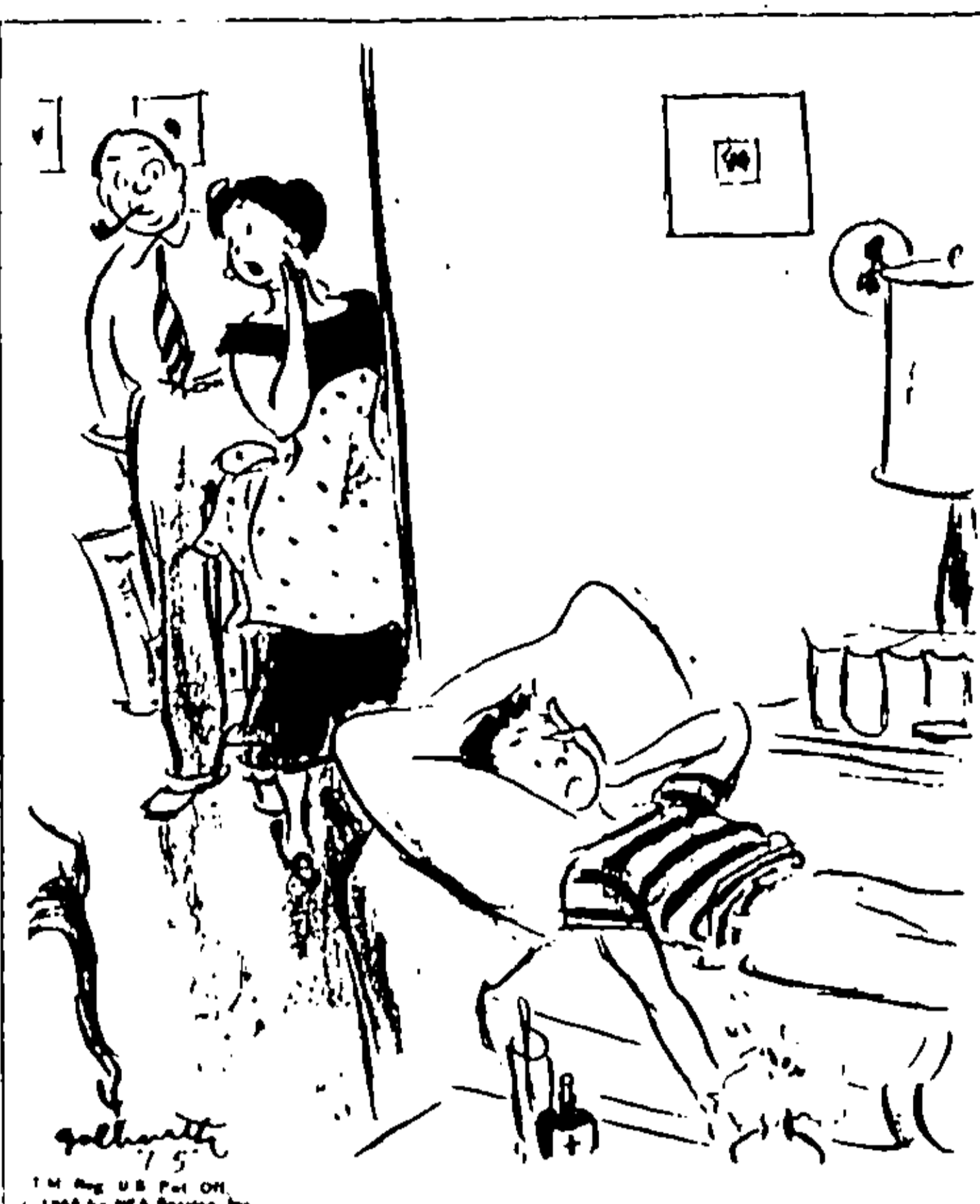
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SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



It's his girl's fault he's sick—she had a headache so he had to eat up all his money himself!

Parole System Introduced

Provisions for a parole system for the Colony's prisoners are contained in new regulations made by the Governor in Council, known as the Prison (Amendment) Rules, 1956, and published in this morning's Gazette.

The explanatory note states in part—

The revocation and replacement of rule 11 is consequential upon the enactment of the Magistrates (Amendment) Ordinance, 1956, which inter alia, repeals and replaces section 37 of that Ordinance. The effect of the new rule 11 will be to reduce the number of short-term imprisonments. The reason for leaving the prisoner with the sum of \$1 and any small charge is to ensure his conveyance to his home upon his release. It is considered that the sum of \$1 will be sufficient to meet his bus or ferry fare to most parts of the Colony.

Difficult Adjustments

After a long period of institutional life a prisoner has many difficult adjustments to make on his return to society. Most penal systems now have provision for the release of prisoners on parole for short periods of home leave during the penultimate months of their sentence. The system has been in use for some time in England, and has more recently been successfully introduced in Malaya. The object of the new rule 11A is therefore, to allow the Commissioner of Prisons to grant leave of absence to prisoners in order to facilitate their return to society.

The provisions governing the discipline of prison officers which are contained in the principal rules are largely based on the general provisions applicable to public officers contained in Her Majesty's Regulations for the Colonial Service. Those regulations have been amended to provide for the removal from the service of any officer whose retention therein, having regard to the conditions of the service, the usefulness of the officer thereto, and all other relevant circumstances, is not desirable in the public interest.

GAIN OF 115 MILLION GALLS

The Colony's reservoirs gained 115 million gallons of water in the 24-hour period ended at 8 o'clock this morning, when the total storage was 4,668 million gallons—75 per cent of full capacity.

Consumption yesterday amounted 37 million gallons and the intake from streams and catchment areas was 162 million gallons. No rainfall was registered by the Water Authority.

APPOINTMENTS

The appointment of Mr John Trevor Thorpe to be a Briefing Officer on probation as of August 4 was announced in the Government Gazette this morning.

The appointment of Mr N. M. Taylor to be an Assistant Secretary to the Urban Council with effect from August 7 was also announced.

SOLICITORS' CLERK REMANDED

Li Kang-sung, alias Li Hoi, a 45-year-old clerk of M. K. Lam and Company, solicitors, was remanded for seven days by Mr Hin-shing Lo at Central Magistracy this morning. Li is charged with uttering a forged cheque for \$19,370.23, drawn at the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation on July 11, 1952.

Li, who is on bail of \$10,000, is additionally charged with uttering a forged receipt, purporting to be a receipt of Mr A. L. Leong, for the sum of \$19,370.23.

Li is represented by Mr L. Leong, instructed by M. K. Lam of M. K. Lam and Company.

Radio Hongkong

H.K.T. Time Signal and Programme Summary, 6.02, Stock Market Report, 6.08, Programme for Children presented by Valerie Rose, 6.15, Music from the Ballet—"Die Fledermaus" (J. Bayer); 7.30, Jazz Hour presented by Robert Asherson; 7.59, Weather Report; 8.00, Time Signal and the News; 8.05, Comedy Parade; 8.10, The Goon Show; 8.15, Movie Magazine—Compiled by John Wallace, presented by David White; 8.45, Talking about Books—William Smully reviews—"One Front across the World" by Douglas Hyde; "Mr. Richard Gleave" by Richard Llewellyn; 9.00, Times Signal; Music Lovers' Hour—Classical Requests presented by Allen Dekker; 10.00, Alan Club; 10.30, Medleys from Popular Stage Shows played by Melochino 4; 10.45, Orchestra; 10.50, Weather Report; 11.00, Times Signal, Radio News Reel; 11.15, Goodnight Music; 11.30, Close Down.

REDIFFUSION

2 p.m. Variety Colla the Tune; 2. Musical Melodrama—Featuring the Anne Le Nya Rolle of the Jumps! Jacks; 3.30, Strike Up the Band; 4. Romance of the World—Lady Lamm; 4.45, Ted for Kwa; 4.50, Sammy Kaye Show; 5. Children's Corner—The Wind in the Willows (A. D. Brown); 5.15, Parade—Louis Jordan; 7.15, Show Time Serenade; 7.30, Coke Time; 7.45, "The Final Year"—The Story of a Mother's Courage; 8.00, Times Signal and the News; 8.05, Weather Report, Announcements and Interlude; 8.15, Melochino Music; 8.30, Music for You; 8.45, Symphony Hall—"Archduke" Trio No. 1, in B-flat, Op. 97 (Beethoven) (collegium); 9.00, Artistic Rubinstein, pianist; 9.15, Heifetz, violinist; and Emmanuel Feuermann, cellist; 9.30, The Sleeping Princess—Ballet Suite (Tchaikovsky) (played by L'Orechestre de la Societe des Concerts du Conservatoire de Paris conducted by Roger Desormiers); 10. Rediffusion Spotlight—Interview with Gene Tunney, former World Heavyweight Boxing Champion; 10.15, Canadian Showcases of Popular Music; 10.30, The Goon Show; 10.45, Peter Sellers; 10.50, Harry Belafonte, and Spike Milligan in "The Spinning of Westminster Place"; 11.00, "The Dreamland"; 11.30, Prelude to Midnight; 12 Midnight, "God Save the Queen"; Close Down.

Rank Confirmed

The confirmation of Mr E. M. Leary as a Permanent Commissioned Engineer with original seniority as of July 1, 1955, has been approved by H.E. the Officer Administering the Government, the Government Gazette announced this morning.

ENDEARING PERSONALITY

Full Court And Colleagues Honour Memory Of Late Mr Clifford

Warm and moving tributes to the memory of the late Mr Arthur John Clifford, barrister-at-law, who was stabbed to death last Saturday in Des Voeux Road, was paid at an assembly of the Full Court, Judges, Magistrates, barristers and solicitors this morning.

The Chief Justice, Mr Justice M. J. Hogan, described Mr Clifford as the "personification of keenness and enthusiasm—a vigorous, able and courageous advocate who gave of his services to those who could repay him with little more than thanks."

His colleagues remembered him as "a vital and endearing personality—one of the best in cross-examination—a Counsel who lent his knowledge and skill regardless of fee."

The Full Court comprised the Chief Justice, and Puisne Judges, Mr Justice C. W. Rees, Mr Justice J. R. Gregg and Mr Justice J. Reynolds.

Ao present were the District Judges, Mr James Wicks, Mr W. T. Charles, Mr K. H. Macfee and Mr H. H. B. How.

Magistrates, Crown Counsel and other members of the Legal Department, members of the Bar, members of the Law Society, and clerks.

Speeches were made by the Chief Justice, the Attorney-General, the Hon. Arthur Ridehalgh, the Leader of the Bar, the Hon. Leo d'Almada, QC, and the President of the Law Society, Mr J. M. d'Almada Remedios.

The Chief Justice said: "The sad tragedy and very shocking event which has brought us here together this morning must be still very vividly present in the minds of all of us."

He recalled that last Saturday afternoon when most of those working in the Colony were returning home to their families John Clifford, who had just been giving his services in defence of an accused person, was struck down only a few yards from where the Court was.

Great Sorrow

"We come together to pay tribute to his memory and to express our very great sorrow and deep regret at his passing, made all the more poignant by the circumstances of violence and brutality that has taken him from us."

Chief Justice said he would not dwell on these tragic circumstances, but upon the contribution Mr Clifford had made to the administration of justice in Hongkong during the 10 years of vigorous and effective effort which he passed in Hongkong.

He said: "We all knew him as a vigorous, outspoken and able advocate, ever ready to speak his mind and to defend with vigour and ability the cause of the opinion which he thought was right."

Mr Justice Hogan said Mr Clifford, born in 1910 was in the prime of life when he was struck down, and went on to outline his career—educated at Eton and Merton College, Oxford, joined the Middle Temple and called to the Bar in 1939, just before the outbreak of the Second World War. He joined up immediately and served with the Eighth Army in North Africa and subsequently in Eritrea and the Dodecanese. Eventually he came to Hongkong, where he became Crown Counsel in 1946. In 1948, he entered private practice and in the ensuing years built up a very fine practice, said the Chief Justice.

Dedicated Man

"He was the very personification of keenness and enthusiasm. No one could be more wholeheartedly dedicated to the cause of his client than John Clifford. He gave of himself unsparingly in ability and energy. He had the capacity and courage to go for those things which he thought were necessary and important, and to disregard those which he thought were trivial and incidental. He was vigorous, outspoken, able, intelligent and courageous."

Mr Justice Hogan said Mr Clifford's services were always available to those who needed them most. He was ever ready to give them, even to those who could repay him with little more than thanks. "Many of the poor of this city have reason to be grateful for his help and advice. I am sure that more would be grateful in the future had he been spared."

He continued: "He will be greatly missed not only by us here and by his colleagues at the Bar, but by the poor of the city, who are the poorer because of his passing."

The Chief Justice said that on behalf of all those associated with the Courts he expressed their most sincere and heartfelt sympathy to the wife and two small children Mr Clifford left behind.

The three Justices sitting with Mr Justice Hogan associated themselves with his remarks.

Lively Mind

The Attorney-General said: "Speaking on behalf of the Legal Department, I recall that Mr Clifford was a Crown Counsel during the difficult years just after the re-occupation of Hongkong, when the Legal Department was small and work was pressing, when there was little time to ponder problems and speed was essential if the work was to be got through."

Mr Clifford's lively mind, his keenness and his energy must have stood him in good stead. I had only known him since 1952 as a member of the Bar in private practice; he was, I think, a courageous advocate, and always zealous of the interests of his clients.

"In private life, I can only claim to have been an acquaintance, but my impression is that of a man who held strong opinions, and who had the courage of them."

"The circumstances of Mr Clifford's passing, bring to my mind two lines of verse, which I heartily endorse—

"How small of all that human heart—

That part which kings or laws may cause or cure?"

and now, our sympathy and sorrow go out to Mrs Clifford, and their young children, in this untimely and tragic loss."

Vital Personality

Mr Leo d'Almada said he felt there were certain aspects of Mr Clifford's life and practice with which he, as a private practitioner, wished to deal a little more fully.

"This was a vital personality and a very endearing personality also, both in forensic and in private life. He was always forthright in his comments on any subject whatsoever and added to the candour of those remarks a quality of interest which is often lacking when people feel strongly on a subject. He could talk upon a number of topics most interestingly and with a great deal of knowledge."

Mr d'Almada said that Mr Clifford would be much missed by his colleagues at the Bar both in the life in Chambers and in the Court.

"In Court he was fearless in the advocacy of any cause for which he was briefed, and that fearlessness more than once brought him into sharper contact with the Bench than he intended. But I am quite sure that every member of the Bench before whom he appeared knew that when John Clifford crossed swords with the Judge he did so only because he felt it was necessary in the interest of his client."

Greatly Admired

Mr d'Almada said that as an advocate, Mr Clifford was greatly admired, but he thought his best department was that of cross-examination. "I don't think I have ever heard a better cross-examiner and one who could more ably deal with his client's case with none but the scantiest of notes, because John Clifford seemed to possess a phenomenal memory, a memory upon which we all could draw if we desired so to do."

The tragic circumstances of Mr Clifford's death must make his loss to his widow and family and to his colleagues all the more poignant, Mr d'Almada said.

On behalf of his fellow professionals at the Bar, he associated themselves with what the Chief Justice and the Attorney-General had said and expressed their deepest sympathies to the family in their sad loss.

Mr d'Almada Remedios said that the junior members of the profession felt no less the sad loss. "We feel this loss more

keenly, because our association with the late John Clifford was not merely of a professional nature. He was our friend whom we held in great affection and respect. He was kind, considerate and always willing to help sort out our problems."

Mr Clifford would perhaps be best remembered as a Counsel who would on last-moment instructions lend his knowledge and skill to the prosecution of his client's case with no regard to his fees."

Mr d'Almada Remedios concluded by expressing the sympathy and regret of the Law Society to Mr Clifford's family.

Naturalisation Certificates

The Government Gazette announced this morning that H.E. the Officer Administering the Government, with the approval of the Right Honourable the Secretary of State for the Colonies, has granted certificates of naturalisation under the British Nationality Act, 1948, to the undermentioned persons:

Mrs Marie Hui-hsi Lin (nee Feng), medical practitioner, 2212 Nathan Road, second floor; Mr Woo Ting-sang, assistant agricultural officer, 215A Tung Choi Street, third floor; Mr Loh Kwai-jen, salesman, 9 Bayview Mansions, second floor, Causeway Bay; Mr Hans Han-wei Liao, known as John Liao, company director, 10 Tak Shing Street, second floor.

Charged With Stealing Cigarettes

Mr Hin-shing Lo at Central Magistracy this morning adjourned for 24 hours the case against Kwong Wah, 20, charged with housebreaking and committing a felony.

Kwong is alleged to have broken into a store at 82 Des Voeux Road, Central, yesterday and to have stolen 13,970 cigarettes, valued at \$407.50.

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Magistrate's Tribute

Mr I. T. Morris at Kowloon Court this morning expressed sorrow over the death of Mr A. J. Clifford.

Mr Morris said: "It is with sorrow that we have learned of the death of Mr A. J. Clifford who practised in these Courts for many years. His untimely death came as a shock to us all."

"To the end of his life Mr Clifford retained his zest and enthusiasm for his profession. He was a happy, cheerful individual; happy in his work, in his friendship, and above all in his home. He inspired affection no less than respect and he will be missed in many places. His memory will always be that of a friendly person."

"Our sympathies go out to his wife and children in their sad bereavement."

Sub-Inspector Wilson associated himself with the Magistrate's remarks.

Made False Declaration

Mr Hin-shing Lo at Central Magistracy this morning fined Fung Ming, 45, a business man, \$250 for furnishing false information in a declaration, to the Department of Commerce and Industry.

Prosecuting, RI C.G. Kerswill said that on July 27, at the Department of Commerce and Industry, defendant signed an application for a certificate of origin in respect of ten dozen men's rayon swimming trunks. The trunks were said to bear the trade mark, "Racing." In fact they bore a "Jockey" trade mark.

RI Kerswill said that "Jockey" was the registered trade mark of the Cooper and Company, U.S.A.

FALSE ALARM

Four Police vans rushed to the Hang Loong Bank Limited, 38 Wing Lok Street, at 12.25 p.m. today only to find a false alarm had been raised.